

**Town of Barnstable  
Human Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

**Names in BOLD indicate action items.**

**Present:**

Scott Fitzgerald (chair), Charlie Hetzel, Heidi Nelson and Stacie Peugh (members), Jen Cullum, Town Council Liaison

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**Order:**

The meeting came to order at 4:10 p.m.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

**Housing Discussion- Next Steps**

Stacie and her CFO held a conference call with the leaders of the GROW program in Portland, Maine. The facility is a dormitory style building built in 1926, with 88 rooms on three floors. Each floor has a common shower and bathroom, and there is a shared kitchen on the first floor. The health programs of the Y are extended to GROW residents. Additional services are provided by community partners, which was strongly recommended by the GROW staff. Also on the campus is a 32-unit apartment building for 'graduates' of GROW. Residents are screened and must be actively working on sobriety. Residents pay weekly. There is a partnership with Maine Medical Center for four respite beds which the medical center funds. GROW staff recommended learning landlord tenant laws in the state; the rules in Maine allow weekly rentals, but other states, including Mass., grant tenant rights after 30 days, even without a lease. Well-being checks are conducted daily, and residents are encouraged to be engaged in community activities and use the Y facility.

We talked about the possibility of developing such a facility through the Y.


We also discussed a field trip to Portland, and to learn more about the Boston Y's homeless program.

We discussed asking Mark Ells to join us at our next meeting. Jen and Stacie will meet before the next meeting with Mark to get him up to speed on what we learned today.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Nelson  
Duffy Health Center and Secretary to Committee

**The next meeting of the committee will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.**